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Title : POLYMORPHISMS IN THE HUMAN VCAM-1 GENE, SUITABLE FOR
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF VCAM-1 LIGAND MEDIATED
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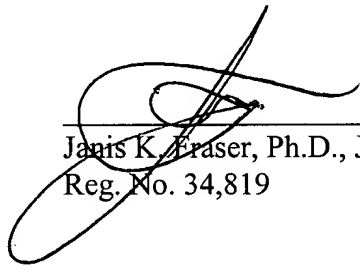
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